John H. Myers, Attorney.
SUPREME COURT OF THE
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, holding Probate Court. No. 17388, Administration. This is to give notice: That the subscriber, of the District of Columbia, has obtained from the Probate Court of the District of Columbia, Letters of Administration on the estate of George W. Edwards, late of the District of Columbia, deceased. All persons having claims against the deceased are hereby warned to exhibit same, with the vouchers certainly needs some one to point out thereof, legally authenticated, to the subscriber, on or before the 23d day of December, A. D. 1911; otherwise they may by law be excluded from all benefit of said estate.

Given under my hand this 23d day of December, 1910. (Seal) JAMES H. DABNEY,

Attest: JAMES TANNER, Register of Wills for the District of Co lumbia, Clerk of the Probate Court JOHN H. MYERS, Attorney.

DEATH OF WILLIAM BECKETT.

One of the Best-Known and One of the Most Prominent Citizens Dead. Thousands of Citizens Honor Him.

lifelong resident of the District of tropics. Columbia, died at his late residence, 1628 M street, on Wednesday, Jan. 25, at 4:15 p. m., after an illness of five weeks, which he bore with Christian fortitude.

He had been in ill health for some time; was taken to his bed about the 1st of November, but rallied sufficient ly in December to return to his duties as doorkeeper of the Congressional Reading Room for 10 days, where he had been employed for more than 12 years; but not having regained sufficient strength to keep up, was compelled to succumb on Dec. 21, at which time he fell while on duty and was brought home.

Having all his life taken a deep interest in everything which tends to the uplift of his people around and in the District of Columbia, he was associated in many different capacities with a large majority of the organizations here, where his counsel was always regarded as worthy of consideration.

On Sunday, Jan. 29, the Metropolitan A. M. E. Church, with a seating capacity of nearly 2,000, was greatly taxed when the funeral services were held, conducted by the pastor, Rev. I. N. Ross, who was assisted by Rev. Garner, of Plymouth Congregational Church; Rev. Walter H. Brooks, of the Nineteenth Street Baptist Church, and Rev. Arnold, of the A. M. E. Church. Rev. Ross spoke most beautifully and httingly of the Christian character so well rounded and worthy of emulation. He selected as a basis of his remarks, "Well done, good and faithful servant." He had been a consistent member and an ardent worker in the church of his choice for more than 40 years, and leader of his class for more than 20 years.

The choir rendered most feelingly some of the favorite hymns of the de-

Mr. William Beckett was an active member and Treasurer of Masonic Social Lodge, No. 1, in which he was held in highest esteem by young and old, as was evidenced by the large concourse of its members who braved the weather to pay the last tribute of respect, love and sympathy to one who had labored so zealously with

He was also a member of Crispus Attucks Relief Association, No. 1; Eldermen's Immediate Relief, Coachmen's Umon Aid Association and Majola Council of St. Luke, all ot which organizations sent beautiful resolutions of love and services ren-

In his home, where he will be most missed, he was loving, kind and ever thoughtful of the comfort and happiness of others, always shedding a Christian influence.

His watchword was "Peace," always endeavoring to annihilate anything

akin to strife and contention. The floral offerings were numerous and handsome. Among them were a cross and crown from class No. 4; Coachmen's Union Aid Ass'n, a wheel with a missing spoke; friends at Congressional Library, a flat piece; Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Bowman, Worcester, Mass., a flat piece; Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Marshall, Newtonville, Mass., a wreath; Mrs. Ida Parker, Springfield, Mass., flat piece; Cummings family, Baltimore, flat piece; Mr. and Mrs Fennell, Baltimore, flat piece; Mr. and Mrs. John L. Lacy, a wreath; Mr. and Mrs. James L. Tyree, wheat; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lassiter, a heart; Mr. and Mrs. David Rinker, palm leaves and carnations; Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Spencer, wax wreath; Mr. and Mrs. William Mitchell, flat piece; Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Brooks, wreath; Mrs. Elizabeth Brooks, anchor; the Gray family, 1505 M street, flat piece; Dr. William H. Goines, boquet; Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Freeman, palm leaves and flowers; Mr. and Mrs. John Early, Harrisburg, Pa., flat piece.

His body rests in the vault at Harmony Cemetery, where it will later be

Booker T. Washington Visits the Danish King.

(From the Brooklyn Daily Eagle.)

Despite the fact that the royal family of Denmark had the unpleasant experience of entertaining a widelyheralded American and placing wreath of roses about his neck as the greatest explorer in the world, to discover later that they had been humbugged into believing the greatest geographical romance on record, King Frederick and Queen Louise of that country have just received and honored as a guest in their magnificent palace at Copenhagen another widely-known son of America. This time the guest was Booker T. Washington, acknowledged head of the Negro race in America, and who boasts of the friendship of Theodore Roose

During Mr. Washington's visit at the palace he was requested by the King to extend to the Danish West Indies the educational system now in successful operation at Tuskegee. Mr. Washington talked animatedly with

his royal host and hostess on this subject for more than an hour, and it is likely that he will take steps to com-

ply with their request.

Booker Washington could tell the Danes very much that they do not know concerning their faraway West Indian possessions. St. Croix, St. John and St. Thomas, three little islands of the West Indies over which fly the Danish colors, have cost Denmark much more than they earn for their mother country. The country to her where she has made a mistake and tell her how to make the islands

Booker Washington would render an invaluable service to the Danes if he could solve the problem of gal-vanizing indolence into industry.

Measures for the development of the insular trade are being anxiously debated in the Danish Parliament at he present time, together with chemes for the political representation of the islanders in the Danish Parliament.

In North America at the time of the American Revolution there was, however, one important difference. North America had the "American spirit" to help her fight her battles. In the Danish West Indies there prevails a lethargy and apathy character-Mr. William Beckett, a native and istic of the Negroes employed in the

It is the uplifting of these Negroes that King Frederick wants to accomplish, and because of his desire to educate and elevate his dark-skinned ubjects he has called upon Booker Washington. If any one can handle the job, Washington can do it. No one in the world knows the Negro like he does. No one understands his race as well or how to manage members of it.

The living of the Negro of the trop cs comes too easily to encourage hab its of frugality and forethought Without education, the natives of St. Croix, St. Thomas and St. John will tay in their present net for another century.

The cultivation of the sugarcane might easily be made to pay handomely if properly organized and directed. The rum that comes from these islands is famous the world over. Only a limited production is, however, available, because of the indolence and lack of energy of the na-

Aside from the mere handful of Danish officials the population is composed entirely of Negroes who are indisposed to develop the physical re-sources of the islands. The natives are largely descendants of slaves entranchised in 1848. It is doubtful whether sugarcane can profitably be cultivated by them. Unless by a system of education Washington suc ceeds in stimulating them, it would be a losing venture to start a cane farm with these natives in control.

The Danish government has never eased to regret the fact that Par liament rejected in 1902 a proposa on the part of the United States to purchase the islands. They have never been anything but a big financial burden to Denmark.

The largest island, St. Croix, has an area of 74 square miles and a popu-lation of 18,000, In the center and oward the west the surface is unduating, and toward the south covered with brackish lagoons. With the exception of about 4,000 acres, the soi everywhere productive. Only onethird of the area, however, is devoted to sugar growing, and about one-sixth to pasture land.

The greater part of the remainder either worthless brushwood scanty timber. Besides scattered Negro hamlets, there are two towns, Christiansted, on the north coast, and redericksted, on the west.

The belt of abandoned ground in the past few years has been steadily on the increase despite all efforts of the government to check the decay. St. Croix was discovered by Co lumbus on his second voyage. In 1651 France intrusted the island to the Knights of Malta, and in 1723 it was purchased by Denmark for 750,000

ivres, about \$142,560. St. Thomas is 13 miles long, with an average breadth of three miles, and is estimated to have an area of

about 33 square miles Previous to the abolition of slavery the island was dotted with sugar plan tations and substantial mansions. Now a little fruit, some few vegetable and grass are all its products. Green groceries are imported from the United States, as are poultry and

The population of St. Thomas is about 1,500. One-sixth of these are whites; the rest more or less of Negro blood. The same need of a man like Booker Washington obtains in St. Thomas as does in St. Croix. Some one is needed to stir up the Negro race on the island and wake it up to

ts opportunities. St. Thomas was discovered by Co lumbus in 1493. It was then inhabited by two tribes, the Caribs and Arro-wauks. In 1657 the island was col-onized by the Dutch, and after their departure for New York was held by the English in 1667. The Danish West Indies took possession in 1671, and bout eight years later began the in-

roduction of slave labor.
A great but temporary stimulus was given to the commerce of the island during the civil war. In 1871 the Danish government removed the headquarters of its West Indian pos-sessions from St. Croix to St. Thomas. St. John, the other island, concernng which King Frederick talked with Mr. Washington, is the smallest of the three. It covers 13 square miles and has a population of 1,000.

Booker Washington is much inter sted in the spread of his theory con cerning the education of the Negro. If there were Negroes in Copenhagen he would have started right in, it is believed, and demonstrated to the King his method of handling the Ne-gro problem. For this reason it is expected that Denmark's ruler will not have appealed in vain. The near future may see marked changes in St. Croix, St. Thomas and St. John.

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